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The Anniversary Years







“Go ye into all the world . . .”



Now Ye Are The Body Of Christ

Be Ye Doers Of The Word And Not Hearers Only

I Will Walk In Liberty: For I Seek Thy Precepts

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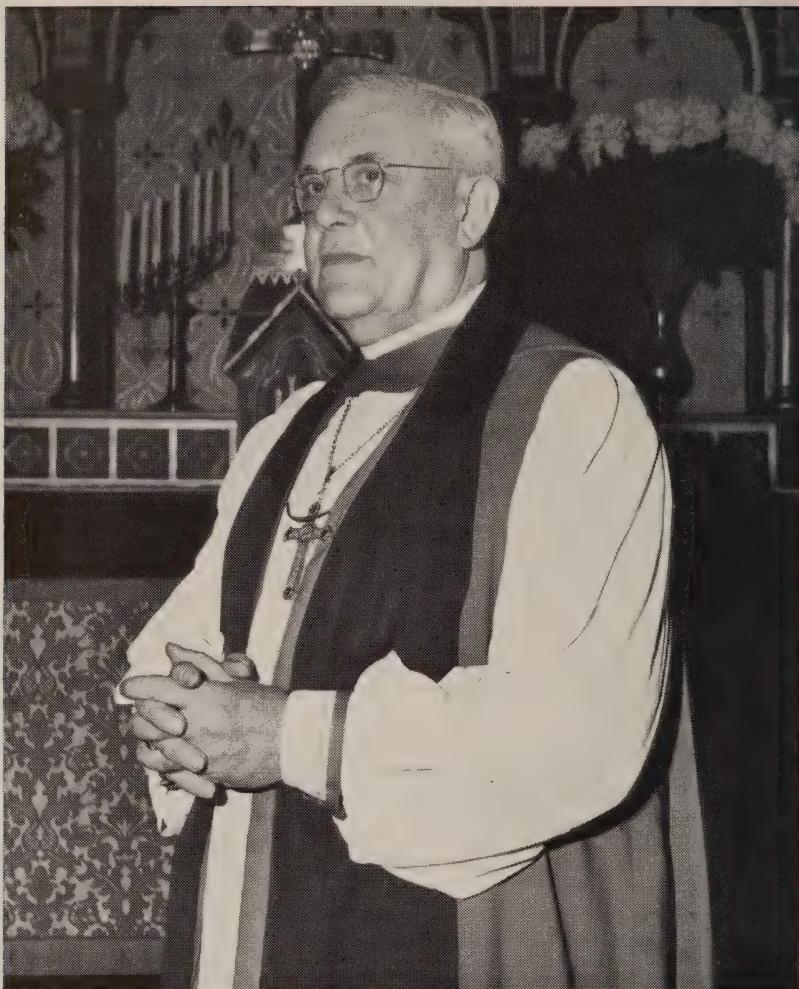
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THE RT. REV. WALLACE J. GARDNER, D. D.  
Bishop

The Reverend Henry C. Beck,  
Calvary Church,  
Flemington, New Jersey  
My dear Vicar:

I am happy to write a word for your Year Book keeping the Anniversary of Calvary Church, Flemington.

Whether it is the One Hundredth or the One Hundred and Tenth Anniversary really doesn't matter. The point is that a church with an altar has been there for one hundred years and more, and one can never estimate what has come from that altar through all these years. The hopes that have been realized there, the fears dispelled, the encouragement given to souls, and so frequently the unknown deposit of faith which may be carried on in all parts of the country—all are here.

Naturally my thought is that it best serves to illustrate both what to do and what not to do in the future. In these days of tension and indifference to religion and lowering of morals, we cannot but feel that the real commemoration of an anniversary can be in a high resolution on the part of priest and people to build up a strong arm of faith in order to enhance the work already done, and to extend the influence of our Lord throughout that whole county.

Praying for you God's richest blessing upon you and yours,  
I am,

Faithfully and cordially yours,  
+ WALLACE J. GARDNER  
Bishop of New Jersey



THE RT. REV. ALFRED L. BANYARD, D.D., S.T.D.  
Suffragan Bishop

To the Members of Calvary Church, Flemington.

My dear Friends:

The combined celebration of your 100th and 110th Anniversaries is a commemoration of real significance to all of us who are vitally interested in and concerned with the development of the Church in our Diocese. I like to think of it as a golden cord binding together the people and events of your parish family during the past century and a decade.

As you celebrate these anniversaries of Calvary Church, I join with your many friends from near and far in extending personal greetings and congratulations.

Joy and gratitude must fill your hearts as you look back and consider the many blessings which have come to you collectively and individually during the past year. Such consideration of your blessings will give your celebration the right direction. It will help your joy to find expression in a two-fold way, namely, in praise of God and in earnest prayer for His future guidance and help.

Your Church has made and is making significant contributions to the cause of establishing the Kingdom of God in Flemington and its environs. At the present time your congregation is growing and developing remarkably under the able and devoted leadership of a beloved Vicar. By seeking to discover where it can be of greater usefulness to Christ and His Church, Calvary Church will continue to be one of the foremost Churches in Hunterdon County.

I pray that you will be inspired by this important observance to go forward with rededicated loyalty to Our Lord.

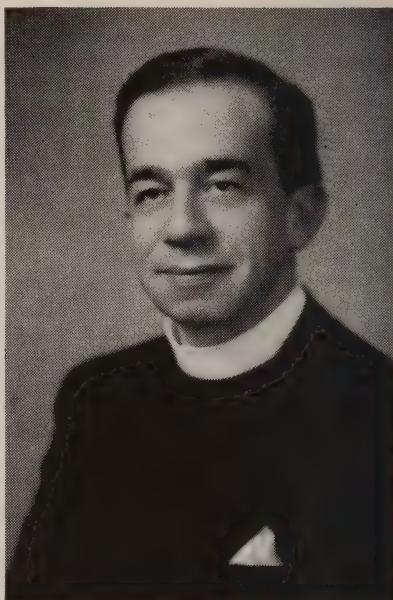
Affectionately yours,  
+ ALFRED L. BANYARD,  
Suffragan Bishop of New Jersey.

## CALVARY CHURCH, FLEMINGTON THE ANNIVERSARY YEARS

It is not our purpose to present the history of Calvary Episcopal Church, Flemington, in the ordinary way. We have attempted, with the help of many friends, to assemble many of the little-known facts from a variety of sources, and from this point on, we would have the facts speak for themselves, with the work of the Church in the whole area as a background.

The Rev. William H. Stone, vicar of All Saints' Church, Wenonah, and St. Barnabas' Church, Mantua, has done yeoman service as a friendly archivist in collecting entries from Journals of the Diocese of New Jersey over more than a century. These excerpts, as far as we know, never have appeared anywhere in any collected presentation. To them we would add a somewhat unusual document, discovered at the Hunterdon County Court House, showing that Calvary Church was incorporated as a parish as early as 1841.

This act of incorporation, of which there is no record of dissolution, does not mean that Calvary Church is a parish under standards that have been set up in the Diocese of New Jersey in subsequent years. Canons of the Diocese



THE REV. HENRY C. BECK  
Vicar, Calvary Church

require a minimum stipend and the establishment of a rectory, and while the excerpts from the journals indicate that missionaries who served the church lived in Flemington, at no time is the residence of the priest designated as a rectory. Further, it will be noted, the priests who were in charge of the challenging work in Hunterdon County many years ago also had oversight of churches in Clinton and Alexandria Township.

In still later years, Calvary Church, Flemington, and St. Andrew's, Lambertville, which originally was located in Ringoes, were connected. However, for the past year Calvary Church has attained new stature of its own, mindful of its responsibility to people living in such areas as Clinton, Lebanon, Pittstown, Sidney, Three Bridges, Ringoes and even Stockton. As we have said on many occasions, there is work for more than one priest in this vast area in which the nearest neighbors of Calvary are St. John's Church, Somerville; St. Luke's Church, Gladstone; St. Peter's Church, Washington (Diocese of Newark), and, of course, St. Andrew's, Lambertville. The Rev. G. E. Harcourt Johnson, presently in residence at St. Andrew's, also has charge of St. Andrew's Church, Trenton, and he is accomplishing great things for the Church in both areas.

Before presenting the document of parochial incorporation, dated 1841, and the compilation of excerpts from the Diocesan Journals, beginning 1835, we would repeat what has been said on many occasions throughout rural Hunterdon County. We are delighted by the response that people have made to the Church and its revival of activity, and we give hearty thanks to God that He has, in His infinite wisdom, called us to this field of endeavor in the building of His Kingdom. In whatever lies ahead, we pray for strength, not only to maintain the Church in Flemington, but to make its ministry a living force throughout the territory we must serve. The excerpts themselves

are an indication that Calvary Church has had an uphill and downdale existence. From here on, we hope the climb will be steady and substantial.

Lester W. Oliver, Esq., of Clinton, one of our active laymen, who is responsible for the inclusion of the Flemington Certificate of Incorporation and other valuable material in this little book, has this to say:

"The History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, New Jersey," by James P. Snell, dated 1881, page 321, reveals: "When the first Episcopal services were held here, (i. e., at Flemington) is not known, altho no doubt quite early in this (19th) century, a chapel was also built quite early, but at what time is not definitely known. By appointment of the Right Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. Mr. Crane officiated here on every alternate Sabbath afternoon at 'four o'clock in the session room'. This was in the summer of 1838. (*Hunterdon Gazette*, July 18, 1838).

"The Rt. Rev. George Washington Doane, on his annual visitation, preached at Calvary Church on Tuesday evening, October 18, and Wednesday morning, October 19, 1842." After describing the intermittent services through the years and the sale of the first chapel 'to close the mortgage', Snell further states that during the past year the erection of a fine chapel was commenced in the village, and the tokens indicate a revival of interest and effort in this church'.

"This would, of course, have been in 1880-1881, and I believe that this refers to the building of the present church. Barber and Howe's 'Historical Collections of New Jersey' (1844) states that the Episcopal Church in Flemington was erected in 1841."

The uncertainties all along the line have compelled us to present this book in commemoration of what we like to call our Anniversary Years. We have been correct in celebrating this year the 110th anniversary of first Epis-

copal Visitation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in Flemington, when one of the other churches was "borrowed" for the service, but we shall continue to commemorate a variety of events, even though we are ten years late, through 1951.

It is our hope that in this interval we can pay lasting tribute to the efforts of priests and people in giving to Calvary Church, Flemington, the true parish status it deserves, and for which many Bishops of the Diocese of New Jersey have prayed. Until we accomplish that goal, and even after its accomplishment—as we look across the fields which have yet to be explored and re-explored, we must count on the continued teamwork of our people and their friends in its fullest sense.

So, without further prefatory remarks, we present the greetings of our Bishops, the excerpts from the Journals, a variety of historical notes, and the Certificate of Incorporation, determined to look hopefully toward the future rather than to dwell exclusively on the past. May God bless us all in our work together for Him.

(The Rev.) HENRY C. BECK  
Vicar, Calvary Church

## THE STORY FROM THE JOURNALS

Journal of the Diocese of New Jersey, 1836, Bishop's Address, p. 13. On Wednesday, October 14, 1835, Bishop Doane preached in the Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, and in the Presbyterian Church in Clinton, and then says:

“On Thursday, October 15, I preached in the Presbyterian Church at Flemington. In each of the last three places it was the first service of an Episcopal minister. Yet, though unaccompanied by any of the Clergy, the service in every case was performed entire, and that without any difficulty. So much for the necessity, supposed by some, of accommodating the Liturgy, in the first introduction of it! At Flemington, I am earnestly entreated to establish a Missionary station, with encouragement that a Church will be built. I have long regarded Hunterdon County as fine Missionary ground.”

The above would seem to be the first service of the Church in Flemington. The date—Thursday, October 15, 1835.

Journal, 1837, Bishop's Address, p. 13, under date of October 13, 1836.

“On Thursday, 13th, I preached in the Presbyterian Church at Flemington, and confirmed one person. Here is a region, long neglected and almost deserted by the Church, which would well repay the care of cultivation. For three years, the desire for our ministrations has been repeated with increasing earnestness. The 'hope deferred' of those who, by the waters of Babylon, weep, while they remember Zion, will, this year, I fondly hope, be gratified. An active Missionary, taking charge of the old Church at Alexandria, and performing services at Clinton and Flemington, would, with God's blessing, soon prepare the way for two or three new Churches. On your co-operation, my beloved brethren, and on God's protecting favour, I rely, for the accomplishment of what has so long been my heart's desire.”

Journal, 1838, Bishop's Address, p. 15, Sept. 20, 1937.

"Wednesday, 20, in the Presbyterian Church, Flemington, the Rev. Mr. Germain read morning prayers, and I preached. The Rev. Mr. Ford was present. I left this long neglected region, in the hope that the services of a Missionary were secured for it in the person of Mr. Ford, who at my request had met me there, and whom I appointed to that station. But from indisposition he was prevented from entering on his duties, and the field for which I have so long desired to find a labourer continued to be vacant. A Missionary has been there for the last few weeks, by my appointment, and his services, as I am just informed, are well received, and promise good success."

Same Journal, p. 28, Report of the Rev. Wm. C. Crane, Missionary: "I have to report that agreeably to the instructions received from you on the 3rd instant, I have since that time officiated five times at Clinton, three times at Flemington, and twice at St. Thomas' Church, Alexandria.

At Flemington the same ardent desire for stated services, which has been repeatedly expressed, continues to exist. There is here a good foundation for a Church, and every encouragement to Missionary exertion.

It is my impression that the labours of a Missionary in this region would be singularly blessed. The friends of the Church at Clinton and Flemington, will do all in their power to sustain one. This, however, they can only do in part. Diocesan aid could not be more opportunely extended."

Journal, 1839, Bishop's Address, p. 9, he mentions "a congregation organized, and doing well, at Flemington." Later, (p. 15), under date of November 17, Saturday, he reports:

"I then admitted the Rev. William Croes Crane, deacon, Missionary, Minister of St. Thomas' Church, Alexandria; St. Paul's Church, Clinton, and Calvary Church, Fleming-

ton, to the holy order of priests." This ordination took place in St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City.

On Thursday, October 11, 1839, "in the afternoon, in the Methodist Church, kindly granted for the temporary use of the congregation of Calvary Church, the Rev. Mr. Ogilby read prayers, and I preached; and again in the evening." Same Journal, p. 26, from the Report of the Rev. Wm. C. Crane, Missionary:

"A parish has also been organized in Flemington; one infant has been baptized, and the number of communicants increased from one to seven. Within the last week, three of this little band have removed, taking with them much of its strength. The Methodist Society kindly permits us to hold our services in their place of worship. They are well attended, and the interest in the Church is constantly increasing. Nothing is wanting, but a house of prayer of our own, to secure a respectable and permanent congregation. Though this parish is at present too weak to build; it is too strong, and the promise too great, to be deserted. If the Church will continue to care for it, during the helplessness of its infancy, it must grow; and with its numbers, its means will increase."

Journal, 1840, Bishop's Address, p. 7, under date of October 16, 1839.

"On Wednesday evening, 16, in the Presbyterian Church, Flemington, the Rev. Mr. Adams read prayers, and I preached, and confirmed one person. On Thursday, 17, after morning prayers by the Rev. Mr. Adams, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. The efforts of the zealous Missionary here are greatly hindered by the want of a suitable place for public worship. The case deserves attention."

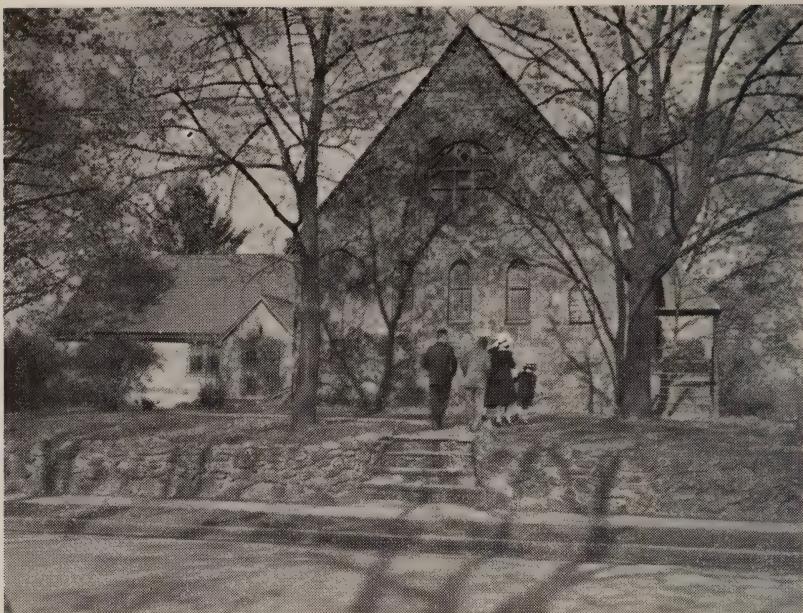
Same Journal, p. 32, in the Report of the Rev. James Adams, Missionary:

"At Flemington, (where I now reside), I have been much

encouraged by the interest manifested in the services of the Church, and by the regard and kindness shown to me personally. I do not hesitate to adopt the language of my predecessor, in his last year's report, that 'nothing is wanting but a house of prayer of our own, to secure a respectable and permanent congregation.' Since last fall, we have been obliged to hold our services in a private room, which has prevented many from worshipping with us, who have expressed a desire to attend. I earnestly hope this difficulty will ere long be removed, as it is one of the greatest obstacles in our way. A building of some sort is indeed essential to the prosperity of the congregation. But as the number of decided Churchmen here is small, and none of them are wealthy, if we erect a building of even moderate size, we must receive assistance from our friends in more favoured parishes. The prospects of the Church here are such, in my opinion, as to warrant the undertaking. One person has been confirmed in this parish during the past year. The number of communicants is six—three having removed from, and two into the parish since the last report."

Journal, 1841, Bishop's Address, p. 13, under date of October 25, 1840.

"In the evening, in a private house, used as a place of worship by the congregation of Calvary Church, Flemington, after prayers by the Missionary, I preached, and confirmed one person. On Monday, 26, the Missionary read morning prayers, and I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. This is a difficult ground, and to human eye unpromising. Perhaps the thought of discouragement may occur to some. But I find no such word in any dictionary of the Church. If the same that sows the seed supplied the harvest, it might do. But, even when Paul planted, and Apollos watered, it was God who gave the increase. I know that Mr. Adams labours faithfully, and devotedly,



CENTER OF REVIVAL  
Calvary Church, Flemington, 1949

and I cannot think of his leaving the field. It is only the child, who pulls the acorn up today, because it showed no sprout since yesterday. But I cannot ask Mr. Adams, after this year, to remain, unless a place of worship be provided for the congregation at Flemington. They are willing to do what they can. But they are few in number, and cannot do it all. I suppose that five hundred dollars, in addition to what they can raise, would be sufficient for their purpose, under his prudent management. I wish that the Diocese would lay itself under requisition to that amount. Do Churchmen expect to enjoy the Gospel, and not be at charges? David would not listen for a moment to

Araunah's generous offer. 'Nay,' said he, 'but I will buy it of thee at a price.' Now David was the man after God's own heart."

Same Journal, p. 29, from the report of the Rev. James Adams, Missionary:

"At Flemington the want of a building has been almost an effectual bar to the increase of the congregation. If this difficulty were removed (as, if the appeal which we intend to make to the sympathy and liberality of our brethren is cordially met, I trust it will soon be), our prospects would be quite encouraging. I feel constrained again to bear testimony to the kindness and liberality of the people here. Baptisms (adult) 1; confirmation, 1; communicants (4 added by removal) 10."

Journal, 1842, Bishop's Address, p. 19, under date of November 13, 1841.

"On Saturday, 13th, in a private house at Flemington, Calvary Church being not yet completed, the Rev. Mr. Ogilby read prayers, and I preached, and confirmed one person. The Rev. Mr. Adams, the Missionary, was present. I am happy to be able to record that by the blessing of God on the self-denying and persevering labours of the Missionary, a house of worship for the congregation here is so far completed as to have been used for the last three Sundays. It is small, and plain, and cheap; for they who build it are but few and poor. But it will be set apart for worship, and will thus be 'holy to the Lord'; and He who accepteth of a man 'according to that he hath, and not according to that he hath not,' will assuredly bless this, their offering to their comfort, as He accepts it for His glory. In due time, I trust, it will give place to a more permanent structure. I have before spoken of the improvement called for at our hands, in this particular. My recent observation of the ancient parish Churches in England greatly

confirms my impressions on this subject. There they stand, uninjured by the storms of centuries; the witness of the faith which reared them, as they seem part and parcel of the rock from which they sprung. Let it not be said that the Church is of long standing there, and rich. These buildings were reared in days of suffering and poverty. They are plain, many of them, and destitute of ornament. But they are strong and stable. The wind cannot remove, the rain cannot deface, the fire cannot consume them. Let us think more of this when we are about to build. Let us use the wisdom for the Church, which men employ in working for the State. We never see a wooden Court House. Seldom, a brick State House. Are not the marble and the stone the Lord's? Are not the gold and silver His? Will men give to adorn the State? Will they not give to serve the Church? I do not say we should not build until we can build of stone. The tabernacle of goat skins was accepted by Jehovah, while His people dwelt in tents. But David was no sooner in a cedar house than he began to gather for a temple, on Mount Zion. This was for a dispensation which was to pass away. What should be the limit of our love, on whom 'the ends of the world' have come?"

Same Journal, from the Report of the Rev. James Adams, Missionary, pp. 35-36.

"At Flemington we have been as heretofore, during almost the whole year, without any place of worship, except a private room, and have suffered all the inconveniences necessarily attendant upon such a state of things. Our Church, the cornerstone of which was laid in November last, by the Rev. Samuel Starr, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton, is now so far completed that we have worshipped in it the last two Sundays, and have been gratified in witnessing quite an increase of the congregation. Although we had not all the means in hand, nor in pros-

pect, for completing the Church, yet we were suffering so severely for the want of it that we ventured to incur a small debt for the sake of putting it in a condition for use; trusting that we should be sustained in the undertaking by our friends abroad, as we have gone to the utmost extent of our ability at home. When all the subscriptions already obtained have been paid, there will still lack about three hundred dollars to complete payments for the building. Returning our sincere and heartfelt thanks, therefore, to those Churchmen of the Diocese, and a few out of it who have already assisted us, we venture to ask if there are not others who are able and willing to help a small band of Churchmen, struggling against many difficulties, and some opposition, to establish the Church in a place where it is much needed?

The want of a place of worship has prevented our having more frequent services than on Sunday, at Flemington, except that on Ash Wednesday, and on the other Wednesday evenings during Lent, and on Good Friday, I opened my own house for divine service and lectures.

As we now have a place in which a Sunday School can meet, I have commenced one here, and intend to catechize the children monthly, 'openly in the Church'."

Same Journal, p. 34, Parochial Report:

"Families and parts of families 7; confirmed 1; communicants (removed 5, added 3,) 8; Episcopal Fund \$2.00. Service every Sunday, in the morning and afternoon alternately."

Journal, 1843, Bishop's Address, pp. 9-10, St. Luke's Day, 1842.

"In the evening, in the building erected by the parishioners of Calvary Church, Flemington, not yet prepared for consecration, the Minister, the Rev. Mr. Adams, read prayers, and I preached. On Wednesday, 19, the Rev. Mr. Adams read morning prayers, and I preached, confirmed two per-

sons, and administered the Holy Communion. The laborious Missionary at Clinton, Alexandria and Flemington, still holds on against great discouragements. He has an arduous field of duty, but the prospect is fair, and the promise is sure, that he will reap, in due time, if he faint not."

Same Journal, p. 36, Report of the Rev. James Adams.

"At Flemington, the small debt that remains upon our Church is quite an embarrassment to us, after having gone to the extent of our means. I have recently made efforts to remove this difficulty; but so far unsuccessfully. If our brethren of the more favored parishes could realize how much embarrassment it causes, what a drawback it is upon the growth of the Church, I think they would not withhold the small gratuity which would be required from each, to remove it wholly.

On the whole, though, I cannot promise a large immediate increase of the Church here, yet I do not doubt, as I have never doubted, that a patient perseverance in 'holding forth the word of life,' according to its primitive and scriptural services, will ere long be crowned with that success for which we hope and pray. But what is one Missionary, in this whole district of country? If the Church could at least send out her Missionaries 'by two and two,' as the Saviour did, there would be much greater encouragement for those who labour, and no one can doubt, I think, much greater proportional results."

The Annual Report, (p. 32), shows:

"Baptisms (1 adult, 5 infants) 6; confirmed 2; communicants (added 2) 10."

Journal, 1844, Bishop's Address, under date of November 15, 1843.

"In the evening, in Calvary Church, Flemington, the Rev. Mr. Clarkson read prayers, and I preached. The Rev. Mr. Adams, the Minister, was present. On Thursday, 16, the

Rev. Mr. Clarkson read morning prayers, and I baptized the Minister's infant child, examined the children after they had been catechized by him, preached, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion. The zealous young Churchman who drove us here in his carriage, from the mountains, and parted from us here, to our regret and his, had a pocket made for his Prayer-book, in his over-coat, and had never taken it out, but to be used in the service. These are the people to be counted on for building up the Church, who keep it nearest to their heart, and keep their hand back from no office that can further it. And these are the men, too, that stand by the Church, when faint hearts would desert, or factious hands divide it. The 'coppersmith' who did the apostle so 'much evil', and 'greatly withstood' his words had no such men among his followers."

Same Journal, p. 33, the Missionary reports:

"I can add but little to the statistical reports of these stations for the past year. The difficulties and discouragements which the Missionary of the Church has to encounter at its weak outposts I have referred to in former reports. These have been rather increased during the year that has now closed, by the clamor and misrepresentation in regard to the Church, which have been so rife in the sectarian papers, and in the mouths of many uninformed and uninquiring people, whose prejudices present a strong barrier against the truth.

The services have been continued in the stations as formerly; namely, once on each Sunday at Flemington, and on every other Sunday alternately, at Clinton and Alexandria. The average attendance for the year perhaps has not differed much from the last, except that recently there has been an increase at Clinton, and a diminution, from local causes, at Alexandria.

The Sunday School was kept up at the latter place during the summer and fall, and has commenced again this spring. We are still much in need of Library and instruction books for this school.

If the three Churches in this quarter can be finished and consecrated, as you have proposed, and as I most earnestly desire, it would be a great encouragement to the Churchmen here, and would produce, I doubt not, a most favorable effect."

Parochial Report, p. 30—"Confirmed, 2; communicants, (added 1), 11. Services once every Sunday in the morning and afternoon alternately, and week-day evening services and lectures in Lent and Passion Week."

Journal, 1845, pp. 31-33, the Missionary reports:

"The services have been continued in these stations during the past year, as formerly, except that I have occasionally held a service at Lambertville, when the service at Clinton was necessarily omitted. The weakness of the Church in this quarter is a great obstacle in the way of its advancement, especially with that large portion of the community who are influenced in their choice more by what is popular, in the particular district in which they live, than by the more important consideration of what is true and right.  
...."

(During the summer, the Rev. Mr. James Adams, at the Bishop's suggestion, visited some of the parishes "with the hope of obtaining funds sufficient to finish the Churches at Flemington and Clinton, and to repair the old Church at Alexandria." After mentioning some of the contributions received, he adds: "The whole amount collected in the Diocese was only one hundred and sixty-eight dollars —nearly sufficient to put the Church at Flemington in a condition for consecration." During this year, the Rev. James Adams was also engaged in reviving the Church at

Lambertville, he says: "At the request of some friends of the Church in Lambertville and the vicinity, who were desirous of having the congregation of St. Andrew's Church revived, and the Church rebuilt in that village, I removed to that place on the first of April.")

Parochial Report: "Baptisms (infants) 4; communicants (died 2) 9. Services during the past year, once every Sunday. At present, three Sundays in four, once a day."

(Apparently Bishop Doane did not visit Flemington that year).

Journal, 1846, Bishop's Address, p. 14, date, October 31st.

"On Friday, 31, in Calvary Church, Flemington, the Rev. Mr. Adams read morning prayers and catechized the children, and I examined them, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. It is 'the day of small things' here, as yet. But we have much to be thankful for; and, so we are faithful, shall have more. It was very pleasant to meet here some good Church people, from Freehold, and from Allentown. The ministers of Christ are flesh and blood; and deeply feel these outward tokens of the communion of saints. Why should they not be more frequent? Why should a caucus or a cattle-show draw multitudes? The Visitation was but a handful."

Same Journal, p. 30, Report of the Rev. James Adams, Missionary: "I have but little to add to the Parochial Reports of the stations under my care, as Missionary in Hunterdon County. We have met with severe losses by removals, both of communicants and others, during the past year; which we feel so much the more sensibly, because we are few in number. There have been almost constant removals of Church people from these stations, ever since I have resided there.

Nearly all the regular attendants on the services of the Church have removed from Clinton.

St. Thomas' Church, Alexandria, remains much in the same state as last year.

Flemington, as well as Clinton, has lost by removal."

The Parochial Report, (p. 27), shows: "Baptisms (adult 10, communicants (removed 3, added 1,) 7. Services three Sundays in four once a day."

Journal, 1847, p. 31, Report of the Rev. James Adams, Missionary: "There are circumstances of encouragement at Flemington. One family that had removed, has returned; and the mining operations in the neighborhood are likely to bring others to the place, who will attend the services of the Church."

The Parochial Report, (p. 30), shows: Baptisms, (infants) 4; confirmed 1; communicants (received 1) 8; services on three Sundays in four, once a day."

Journal, 1848, Bishop's Address, p. 9, Wednesday, October 26.

"In the afternoon, in Calvary Church, Flemington, the Rev. Mr. Adams read prayers, and I preached." The Parochial Report shows the Baptism of 2 infants, 8 communicants and 1 burial.

Journal, 1849, Bishop's Address, p. 12, under date of October 20, 1848, Bishop Doane reports:

"On Friday, 20, in the afternoon, in Calvary Church, Flemington, the Rev. Mr. Clarkson read evening prayers, and I preached, and confirmed one person; the Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Adams, reading the Preface to the Confirmation Service. There is a marked improvement in the state of things at Flemington. The faithful Missionary is likely to realize the reward of patient continuance in well doing."

Same Journal, p. 34, Missionary Report:

"Though there has been little increase in the number of Communicants during the past year, in the Churches under my care, yet there has, upon the whole, been more encouragement at Lambertville and Flemington (in the latter



#### IN EARLIER DAYS

Here is how the interior of Calvary Church appeared in the 1880's. Note the reed organ at the left and the pot-bellied stove on the right. (Photo loaned by Mrs. Joshua Elliott.)

parish, especially) than in any previous year. Many more have attended the services of the Church at Flemington, than formerly, and the congregations have generally given devout and earnest attention in the service and preaching. This encourages the hope that good results will follow."

*Journal, 1852, p. 23.*

"The following preamble and resolution were adopted: "Whereas, The Wardens and Vestry of Calvary Church, Flemington, have authorized this Convention to appoint a Committee to sell their church and lot, and invest the proceeds so that the principal may be preserved for any future Protestant Episcopal Church that may be organized at that place, and that the interest may be applied to the

Churches in the County of Hunterdon, according to the resolutions of the Wardens and Vestry of said Church:

Therefore,

“Resolved, That John Sharp, John Coryell and William Lily be a Committee, to sell the said Church, and invest the proceeds of said sale, as aforesaid.”

From this time on I find no report of services at Flemington, but in the Journal of 1861, the Rev. Peter L. Jaques is named as Missionary, but no report of any kind.

Journal, 1862, pp. 119-120, Report of the Missionary:

“Services have been continued every other Sunday, in the large Court Room. Five children have been baptized. There are 4 communicants, and the prospect is highly encouraging of several more being added. A Sunday School is about to be commenced; and \$24.73 is the result of the offertory. The attendance here has also been very large at almost every service; and the Church is fast growing in the estimation of the community. Regular ministration would give her a permanent footing, and would greatly promote her increase in this pleasant and promising village.”

Same Journal, Bishop’s Address, p. 8, under date of “July 14, 1861.”

“Bishop Odenheimer visited Flemington in the evening.”

Journal, 1866, p. 71, Report of the Missionary:

“At Flemington there are communicants to whom I administer the Holy Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, in private houses, on each of my monthly visits.” (At that time the Rev. Peter L. Jaques was in charge of Trinity Church, Woodbridge, but continued to look after the Missions in Hunterdon County.)

Journal, 1867, p. 113, Report of the Missionary, the Rev. W. Forgus, M.D.

“On the 15th of December I received my commission as Missionary in Hunterdon County, and at once went to work. During the winter months little could be accomplished. I, however, went over the ground and laid my plans.

On the 1st of April I fixed my headquarters at Clinton. I have up to this time succeeded in establishing regular services at Clinton, Flemington and St. Thomas', in Alexandria. St. Thomas' is a point of more than ordinary interest, where, by God's blessing, a great and good work can be done; but not in a day. It will be hard work for a long time. I trust that I shall not be compelled to abandon the field for want of support.”

Journal, 1870, p. 61, Report of the Rev. E. B. Boggs, D.D., General Missionary, in charge.

“Five services have been held on Sundays with the Holy Communion administered each time, to a faithful few. For want of services, the congregation has become scattered, many have removed, and but a few are left. This Church shows the evil of spasmodic work. A Church woman here has contributed \$200 to our work, and promises, God willing, to continue so to do.”

Journal, 1875, p. 30.

In a report on the funds of the Diocese: “Calvary Church, Flemington Fund, to \$500.”

Same Journal, Bishop's Address, p. 116:

In Hunterdon County, for instance, one of the largest counties in the State, where a hundred years ago our Church was a thriving body, we are doing next to nothing. At this moment there seems to be an excellent opportunity for renewing our efforts there, and at least regaining a part of our long lost ground.”

Journal, 1876, p. 91, Bishop's Address:

"In Hunterdon County, where a year ago, we had no active resident Clergyman, we have now two Missionaries, one at Flemington, the countyseat, who officiates also at Alexandria and Pittstown, and the other at Lambertville. The Convention holds in trust a fund for the Church in Hunterdon County, and I would most respectfully suggest, that it be put into the hands of the Convocation of New Brunswick, for the erection of a Mission Chapel at Flemington, thus paying a debt which we have too long owed, and regaining ground partially lost." Under date of October 11, 1875, (p. 109), Bishop Scarborough says: "I visited Flemington, and made arrangements for the holding of Church services there."

Journal, 1878, p. 79, In the Report of the Dean of the Convocation of New Brunswick:

"The Missionary at Lambertville writes encouragingly of the work there and at Flemington." On March 6, 1878, two were confirmed. The "Missionary at Lambertville" was the Rev. Thomas B. Newby.

Journal, 1879, p. 99, Report of Treasurer of the Convocation:

"Paid for purchase of lot in Flemington, \$450.00."

Journal, 1880, p. 143, Report of the Rev. E. K. Smith.

"Calvary Mission, Flemington.—This is a renewed effort, after an interval of many years, to plant the Church at the county seat. A parish was organized, and a small wooden building erected in 1842. But the few then gathered were scattered; and only one person is now found among us, who remembers those earlier services. During the last four years, services have been maintained with considerable regularity, chiefly by lay readers. Since last September I have had monthly celebrations of the Holy Communion (second Sunday), an afternoon service on all other Sun-

days, and from Ash-Wednesday to Ascension Day, a week-day service in addition.

The congregation, that has slowly and steadily increased; now fills the grand jury room, and **needs** the Church, which is about to be erected by the Convocation of New Brunswick.

I found five communicants: three have been admitted, one received, one removed: present number 8. The ladies of the Mission contribute \$100 **per annum** towards the support of the Missionary, pay expenses of fire, room and organ rent, and are making additions to the building fund. The Mission received a Christmas gift of a silver chalice, and paten, from ladies of St. Stephen's, Beverly. Ladies of St. John's, Elizabeth, and other church women and church men in various places, have cheered the little band of workers here with contributions to the building fund, and other tokens of interest. Gifts of Christian love cannot be bestowed more worthily. Two adults baptized. Three persons confirmed."

Journal, 1881, Bishop's Address, p. 74.

"Calvary, Flemington, has a new stone Church awaiting consecration."

Same Journal, p. 93, the Rural Dean reports:

"A new Church, built of stone and paid for honestly at Flemington, Hunterdon County. It will soon be consecrated."

Page 128—the first report:

"CALVARY CHURCH, FLEMINGTON.

The Rev. Elvin K. Smith, Rector.

Baptisms: infant, 1. Confirmed, 2. Communicants: died, 1; removed, 2; present number, 9. Divine service, weekly. Holy Communion, 12.

OFFERINGS—Current expenses, \$25; for building fund,

\$21.20; for conveyance of Missionary, \$100; Diocesan Missions, \$5.63. Total, \$151.83.

In consequence of the builder's dilatoriness, the Church building is yet unfinished; but it is now a reasonable expectation that it will be ready for occupancy some time in June."

Journal, 1882, p. 104, Appendix to the Episcopal Address:

"July 21, 1881. I consecrated Calvary Church, Flemington. The Rev. Elvin K. Smith, the Missionary in charge, preaching an historic sermon of very great interest. A goodly number of the Clergy and a large congregation were in attendance. I administered the Holy Communion and made an address. The Church is of stone, very neat, but plain, after plans by Mr. Hewitt, of Philadelphia. This was the consummation of many hopes and prayers, a day of jubilee to the little band of Church people who have waited so long and worked so hard."

Same Journal, p. 111, the Rural Dean's report:

"At Flemington, where the Church was for many years supposed to be dead, there now assembles every Lord's Day, in a beautiful stone Church, a congregation whose attendance averages fifty."

Same Journal, p. 135, the Missionary reports:

"The Church was consecrated July 21, 1881; the seats, altar, font and organ having been kindly given to the Mission by St. Peter's Church in Galilee, Monmouth Beach. Memorial gifts of lecturn, Episcopal chair and brass altar cross have added to the beauty of this modest, substantial stone Church. The stoves were the gift of a good friend of the Mission, since called to Paradise. The lamps were purchased by the congregation. For nearly all else the Mission is indebted to the Bishop of New Jersey and the Convocation of New Brunswick."

Journal, 1883, p. 135, the Missionary reports:

"The Church is indebted to a lady of St. Stephen's, Beverly, for the gift of a beautiful set of Altar linen."

The number of communicants at this time was 16, and the offerings amounted to \$281.84.

In 1883 there was an ordination in Calvary Church. Bishop Scarborough says: (Journal, 1883, p. 89)

"1883, June 19. In Calvary Church, Flemington. I ordained William Edgar Wright a Deacon. The Rev. Elvin K. Smith was presenter. The sermon was preached by the Rev. George D. Silliman, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y. I administered the Holy Eucharist, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Franklin, Dean Rodman and others."

Same Journal, p. 102, the Dean's Report:

"The Rev. E. K. Smith and his associate, Mr. Wright, have done good service at Lambertville, Flemington, Pittstown, Alexandria and Frenchtown."

Same Journal, p. 151, the Missionary reports:

"Connected with the Mission of Calvary Church are the stations of St. Thomas' Church, Alexandria, and Pittstown. At both places regular services were resumed last summer, and are now held every Lord's Day, with a Sunday School at St. Thomas'. Towards the expense of conveying the Minister to these stations (\$60 the past convention year), \$12 have been received from Alexandria and Clinton."

Journal, 1885, p. 76:

"Reports of the Rev. W. E. Wright, in charge temporarily of Calvary Church, Flemington, and St. Thomas' Church, Alexandria, for the year ending May, 1885:

Number of families and portions of families, 15; Baptisms: Infants, 3. Confirmed, 8. Communicants, 20; added during the year, 9. Services held during the year,

168. Sunday School scholars, 8. Contributions for the year, \$215.23.

Of the above amount contributed \$189.61 was for the Missionary's stipend. Mr. Eugene V. Lorton, a lay reader of St. John's, Somerville, conducts services at Flemington every Sunday morning. The little flock at that place are anxiously awaiting the coming of a clergyman."

Journal, 1886, p. 75, supplement to the Annual Report:

"This portion of the Hunterdon County Mission was served until the 18th Sunday after Trinity by Mr. Alden Welling, Lay-reader; since then by the Rev. Thomas F. Milby.

During some weeks of the Summer, there were Sunday evening services held in the school-house at Summit Hill; but the Trustees having withdrawn their permission to use the building, the services were suspended."

Journal, 1887, pp. 69-70, Annual Report:

"Families and parts, 16. Baptisms: Infant, 1. Communicants, 20. Contributions, about \$200.

This Church was served by the Rev. Robert G. Osborn until September 1, and by the Rev. Charles M. Pyne, from October 17, until March 20; during the remainder of the year, by Lay-readers. There has been no intermission of Sunday services, but the numerous changes make it difficult to give any definite report. A Minister permanently residing at Flemington and itinerating throughout the upper part of the county, is the great need of this broad mission field."

Journal, 1888, p. 80.

The Rev. Edward Warren took charge Oct. 1, 1887. In his report he says: "Improved property, bought fuel and paid debts." The total receipts amounted to \$64.33. This was not a full year report.

Journal 1889, Edward J. Knight, Lay-reader.

Journal, 1890, Edward J. Knight, Lay-reader.

Journal, 1891, p. 50, Rural Dean's Report:

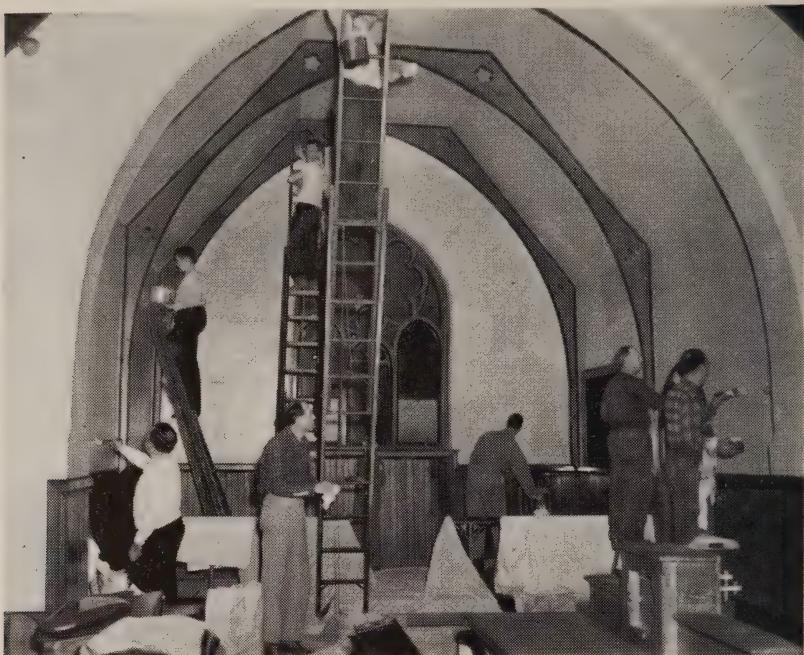
"Calvary, Flemington, has been supplied with services by Mr. Edward J. Knight, lay-reader and candidate for Orders. The average attendance at afternoon services is 25. Baptisms 4. Confirmations 2. A new organ has recently been purchased. When he visited Flemington the Rural Dean was much impressed with the size and solidity of the place and with the importance of maintaining our foothold there. Flemington and Lambertville are the only missions in the whole of Hunterdon County."

Journal, 1892, p. 56, Rural Dean's report:

"Calvary, Flemington, has been served by the Rev. James Jamieson since November last. During the winter Mr. Jamieson has raised and expended \$395 for improvements on the Church building. The cellar has been drained and cemented, a new heater has been procured, the aisle and chancel have been carpeted, and the walls, together with chimney and chancel window have been thoroughly repaired. Forty services have been held. The Mission at Flemington is weak and will need the nursing care of the Convocation for some time to come."

Journal, 1893, p. 56, Rural Dean's Report:

"Calvary, Flemington, has suffered the loss of its Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, but since his resignation, it has been served by Mr. C. M. Dunham, a Lay Reader of the Diocese. If this Mission has not grown it has at least held its own in the face of adverse circumstances. Mr. Dunham reports the communicants faithful, the congregations good, and the work encouraging. There have been 118 services and 3 baptisms. The number of communicants is 20, and of Sunday School scholars 35."



#### MEN AT WORK

Members of the Executive Committee and others painted the Sanctuary for the new Dossal just before Christmas— (left to right) the Vicar, David Bullock, Cyril W. Taylor, William J. Kelting, Jr., Donald B. Butterfoss, Leo J. Cross, Thomas F. Francis and Samuel E. Bullock. (Alan Bullock hid behind a ladder).

Same Journal, p. 93, Addition to the Parochial Report:

“During Lent the children of the Sunday School collected more than \$29.00 over and above their usual Sunday offerings, which has been set aside as the foundation of the Tower Fund. To this fund there has been since added about \$10.00, making the present amount about \$40.00.”

Journal, 1894, p. 52, Rural Dean's Report:

"Calvary, Flemington, has been supplied during the year by the Rev. G. Herbert Dennison. Here a small body of church people assemble in the morning, and a much larger mixed congregation in the afternoon. A choir of boys was introduced on Easter Day. Mr. Dennison has also held occasional services at Frenchtown, where the attendance has been encouraging."

Same Journal, p. 96, from the Parochial Report:

"A fund is slowly growing for the erection of a porch and bell-tower, amounting at present to almost \$100."

Journal, 1895, p. 52, Rural Dean's Report:

"At Calvary, Flemington, under the charge of the Rev. G. Herbert Dennison, the attendance at the morning services has been small, while the afternoon congregations have increased considerably. Mr. Dennison has held about ten services in Frenchtown, at irregular intervals during the year."

From 1896 to 1911, Calvary Church was in the care of the Associate Mission at Trenton, during which time the services were kept up regularly.

Journal, 1899, p. 154, the Rural Dean Reports:

"An effort is being made at Flemington to procure funds for a Parish building. \$127 are in hand. Services are held twice every Sunday and are very well attended."

Journal, 1900, p. 152, the Rural Dean reports:

"The work of collecting funds for a Parish Building at Flemington is still continued."

Same Journal, p. 183, Bishop Scarborough, speaking of the death of the Rev. E. K. Smith, says:

"When again he turned to pastoral duty, and at my earnest solicitation went to the Missions in Hunterdon County —then greatly depressed—his earnest zeal was speedily manifested in the new life vigor of that neglected region. Flemington, where a Church had once been, was revived,

and a beautiful stone church was built, paid for, and consecrated. And there has never been an omission of a Sunday service in it, since that day!"

Journal, 1901, pp. 79-80, the Rural Dean Reports:

"The Rev. L. B. Howell has Calvary Church, Flemington,

A Surpliced Choir was introduced on Easter Day. The congregation is growing, and two Sunday Services are held."

Journal, 1902, p. 117, the Rural Dean's Report:

"At Calvary, Flemington, there is a marked growth of interest on the part of the congregation and a considerable increase in their attendance on the services. A new sidewalk is soon to be laid in front of the church, and the building is to be furnished with electric lights."

Journal, 1904, pp. 123-4, the Rural Dean's Report:

"In Calvary, Flemington—under the special charge of the Rev. Mr. Schwartz—various interior improvements have been made, and plans have been secured for the erection of a church tower and a parish guild room. The Rev. Mr. Schwartz gives his Sunday mornings to Flemington, and his Sunday afternoons and evenings to the other Hunterdon County Missions at Clinton, Pittstown and Alexandria."

Journal, 1905, p. 128, the Rural Dean:

"At Calvary, Flemington, the congregation is growing. A Sunday School has been started, and the prospects seem brighter than for some years past."

Journal, 1908, p. 145, the Rural Dean:

"Calvary Church, Flemington, has been served on Sunday evenings by the minister in charge at Plainfield. The attendance at these services has increased, and the congregation has procured a new furnace and carpet."

Journal, 1909, p. 140, the Rural Dean:

"At Calvary, Flemington, the Sunday School, discontinued for several years, has been revived, with an enrollment of twenty-five. A ladies' guild has also been recovered from a state of languor and started on a new stage of energetic work. Its president has given a chandelier for the embellishment of the chancel."

Journal, 1910, p. 137, the Rural Dean:

"Calvary, Flemington, is the only mission in Hunterdon County, where we have been able to maintain regular services. The Mission a little more than holds its own, but its growth is slow. Three were here baptized."

Journal, 1911, p. 127, the Rural Dean:

"At Flemington services have been regularly maintained, but there has been little growth in the attendance or interest of the people."

Journal, 1912, p. 87, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary, Flemington, was closed for six months, and is now trying to provide better things in the way of self support. . . . A class is being prepared for Confirmation at Flemington."

Journal, 1913, p. 95, Report of the Board of Missions:

"Calvary Church, Flemington, is rejoicing in the constant care of a Priest who holds a Sunday morning service and takes charge of the Sunday School. The year has been one of progress. Five have been confirmed and another class is waiting for the coming of the Bishop. The attendance has grown and the Sunday School increased. The Rev. Mr. Hensley is also Missionary to points in Hunterdon County. He has visited and held services at old St. Thomas', Alexandria, at Pittstown, at Clinton, at High Bridge, at White House and at the Glen Gardner Sanatorium."

Journal, 1914, p. 132, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary Church, Flemington, has made advancement

this last year in the purchase of a new organ, and other signs of interest. The Sunday School has grown and has during the recent Lent manifested a remarkable interest in Missions. Four have been confirmed, and the services of the Priest in charge have been appreciated. A small legacy has been received and deposited in the local savings bank."

Same Journal, p. 202, Parochial Report:

"Calvary Church has purchased a new organ which has been paid for and installed."

Journal, 1915, p. 101, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary Church, Flemington, is more than maintaining its own under the care of the Rev. Alexander Hensley. The congregations are slowly increasing and the financial support given is more regular and more spontaneous."

Journal, 1916, p. 141, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary Church, Flemington, has done remarkably well this past year in spite of the illness of its Rector during the fall months. Ten have been confirmed recently. The finances are in better shape than they have been for some time, and the church itself has been redecorated and put in good order."

Same Journal, pp. 226-7, Parochial Report:

"Total Receipts, \$540.73. Income from endowment, \$3.60."

A member of Calvary Mission has given his personal oversight to the work of having graded, drained, sodded and beautified the grounds around the church, and has paid about two-thirds of the expense of this work as a gift to the church."

Journal, 1917, p. 186, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary Church, Flemington, while showing little growth in attendance, has just closed a very useful and profitable year. The interest of the people grows as witnessed by

their effort to support the services. This year the finances have been in better shape than for many years. The interior of the Church has been redecorated, the robing room nicely furnished and the grounds put in good order."

Journal, 1918, p. 117, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary Church, Flemington. While little growth can be expected in this Mission, it is pleasant to note that they have just finished a useful and profitable year. The little band of workers have taken care of the local expenses and met all of their pledges. The property is well cared for and is now in good condition. Three have been confirmed during the past year."

Journal, 1922, p. 106, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary Church, Flemington, continues under the wise administration of the Rev. Alexander C. Hensley. It is doing good work in the community."

Journal, 1923, p. 114, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary Church, Flemington, is doing a good and quiet work under the faithful ministrations of the Rev. Alexander C. Hensley."

Journal, 1924, p. 117, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary Church, Flemington, is continuing its quiet but progressive work under the ministrations of the Rev. Alexander C. Hensley."

Journal, 1925, p. 114, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary Church, Flemington, is making quiet but steady progress. They are regretting the loss of some of their most active workers by removal."

Journal, 1926, p. 117, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary Church, Flemington. While it has lost some of its most interested Communicants by removal and death they have been fortunate to secure a number of young

people for their choir, and they are anxious to organize some society whereby these young people can be interested more actively in the Church work. This Mission has been left the residuary legatee of a part of Mr. Johnson's estate, and this money is to be held as a trust fund, the interest only to be used for adding to the salary of the Priest in charge. The Rev. A. C. Hensley still continues his good work."

Journal, 1927, p. 127, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary Church, Flemington, has received a legacy from Mr. William H. Johnson, amounting to \$2,652.60, which has been paid to the Trustees of Church Property. The income is to be added to the salary of the priest-in-charge. There is another legacy from the Hill estate which we hope to receive shortly. One remarkable phase of the work at Flemington is the splendid choir and the fine rendition of the music. The Rev. Alexander C. Hensley continues in charge."

Journal, 1928, p. 124, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary Church, Flemington, has been under the leadership of the Rev. Alexander C. Hensley, who has been in charge for some years."

Journal, 1929, p. 120, Archdeacon's Report:

"Calvary Church, Flemington, is about to lose the care of the Rev. Alexander C. Hensley, who expects to retire shortly on the Pension Fund. Mr. Hensley has been in charge for a number of years, and has given most devoted service. The music has been greatly improved under his ministrations, and the property has been put in good order, and a pavement has lately been laid on the side street, and a stone wall built around the property. We are expecting to unite this work under a Priest living in Flemington, who is to care for the scattered Communicants of Hunterdon County. We have started Missionary work at Clinton, and

the Mission has been named St. Bartholomew's. We are also hoping under this arrangement to start regular services at least for part of the year at old St. Thomas', Alexandria."

(According to Stowe's Clerical Directory, the Rev. A. C. Hensley took charge in 1911.)

Journal, 1930, p. 123, Report of the Department of Missions:

"The Department would have had a difficult time in meeting salaries this past year (as they received only 60% of their budget) had not the Cathedral Foundation contributed certain sums so that they could meet their obligations. No new work could have been possible undertaken had it not been for special contributions—\$2,000 to place a Missionary in Hunterdon County, . . . ."

Journal, 1931, p. 132, Department of Missions:

"The work in Hunterdon County with the Missionary resident in Flemington has been successful in reaching a number of scattered Communicants, and we are planning to rent a house near Flemington for the Missionary, who expects to be married shortly."

Journal, 1932, p. 132, Department of Missions:

"The work in Hunterdon County is progressing, and the number of Communicants within that district has increased from thirteen to twenty-five."

Same Journal, p. 95, the Bishop's Address on the death of . . . .

"The Rev. Alexander Culbertson Hensley has been Priest-in-charge of Calvary Church, Flemington, since 1911. He passed on February 12, 1932. He was a Kentuckian, born in 1861, ordained by Bishop Dudley in 1886, and his early ministry was in Chicago and Kentucky. Mr. Hensley was another gentle, quiet, and kindly spirit, whose influence was rooted deep in the affection and respect of all with whom he came in contact."

Journal, 1933, p. 127, Department of Missions:

"The work at Clinton has not been as successful as we had hoped, and so the services have been discontinued, and the few communicants promising to attend Calvary Church, Flemington."

Journal, 1934, p. 130, Department of Missions:

"We are glad to report that the work in Hunterdon County is being well cared for by the Rev. E. Rupert Noel, who recently celebrated his twentieth anniversary as a Priest of the Church. In addition to the work at Flemington and Hunterdon County, the work at Pennington has been added to the duties of this Priest, and already quite an increase both in attendance and offerings is manifested."

Journal, 1935, p. 123, Department of Missions:

"Flemington, Pennington and parts adjacent are being financed by special gifts in addition to local salary payments. Even so, a reduction in salary has been found necessary."

Journal, 1936, pp. 118-119, Report of a Committee to Make a Survey of the Works of the Diocese Supported by Diocesan Assessments and Quota Payments:

"Consolidation of Missions. The Rector of Lambertville could do all the work in Hunterdon County, including Flemington Church and possibly Hopewell."

"Yes, I could take care of Hunterdon County's work at less than it now costs the Archdeacon."

Journal, 1940, p. 119, Department of Missions:

"In the rural field, we might mention great improvement in Calvary Church, Flemington, and Hunterdon County generally."

Journal, 1941, pp. 124-5, Department of Missions:

"Flemington and Lambertville—under the Rev. Walter F. Tuhey—continued to hold their own and are in much



#### TELEVISION IN THE PARISH HOUSE

The installation of this set has been a boon to youngsters of Calvary Church, as well as their parents. It has seen service at functions for youth of the community, too. In this picture some of the children of the Church School posed in front of the modern set.

healthier condition than a year or so ago, although there has not been the growth there should be in the Flemington work. This is a matter of great concern to the Priest-in-Charge as well as to the Board. We believe that a good work is being done."

Journal, 1942, p. 131, Department of Missions:

"The Rev. Walter F. Tuhey in charge. The last indebtedness on the new organ was paid off and the organ dedicated."

Journal, 1943, p. 118, Department of Missions:

"The Rev. Walter F. Tuhey. Congregations have been maintained despite difficulties and the Church School shows improvement. Pledged support has increased remarkably."

Journal, 1944, p. 178, Department of Missions:

"The Rev. Walter F. Tuhey. Although the regular schedule of services has been maintained, this Mission has shown no signs of real development. It is hoped that a revival of interest may be produced in the near future."

Journal, 1946, p. 189, Department of Missions:

"The Rev. Frank H. Frisbie, formerly rector of St. Luke's Church, Cambridge, New York, became the pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Lambertville, and Calvary Church, Flemington, on May 15th, 1945."

Journal, 1949:

The Rev. Henry C. Beck, of Pennington, N. J., executive secretary of the Field and Publicity Department, Diocese of New Jersey, became vicar of Calvary Church, Flemington, January 1, 1949.

NOTE—In the Journal of 1921, p. 34, I find the year of organization given as 1839.

In the Journal of 1922, p. 29, it is given at 1899.

I can find no reason for the change. It is my opinion that it should be given as 1839.

(The Rev.) WILLIAM H. STONE

## SOME NOTES ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CLINTON, NEW JERSEY

### I. THE PRESBYTERIANS WERE FIRST, BUT THE EPISCOPALIANS WON THE PARSON!

“With the rise of Clinton, there began to be a general desire for the regular preaching of the Gospel in the village. And it was not long before that desire was gratified. The first man who preached here continuously was William Millar Carmichael. He was a graduate of Hamilton College and of Princeton Theological Seminary, and a licentiate of the Presbytery of Albany. He was sent here by the New Jersey Missionary Society, at the recommendation of Rev. Dr. Archibald Alexander. His first labors here commenced in May or June, 1829, before he had finished his course at Princeton. He continued here for four or six weeks, preaching in the stone school-house, and in several private houses, and visiting the families of the neighborhood. Mr. Carmichael then returned to the Seminary, and was graduated in the autumn. In the month of November, or early in December, he resumed his labors at Clinton, and continued here until some time in the month of March. As his stay was so short, very little is remembered of him by persons now living here. It may, however, be well to record one fact which should be a warning to all young ministers. He married an Episcopal wife, and the consequence was that on the Thirteenth of January, 1832, he was ordained as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church, and on the Tenth of April, of the same year, he was made a Presbyter. He afterwards became a Doctor of Divinity, and filled several positions in the Episcopal Church.”

“A Historical Sketch of the Presbyterian Church of Clinton, New Jersey” an address by the Rev. I. Alstyne Blouvelt on September 14, 1880, Page 5.

**II. PARISH STATUS—ST. PAUL'S, CLINTON**

"The Episcopal Church was built in 1838; its first rector was the Rev. William C. Crane, who was succeeded in 1839 by the present incumbent, the Rev. James Adams." "Historical Collections of New Jersey" by Barber and Howe, Page 245.

"A Protestant Episcopal Church was established in Clinton in 1837, and in 1838 a house of worship was built. The first rector was Rev. William C. Crane, the second, Rev. James Adams. With the close of the latter's labors, about 1846, the organization ceased. The Church was afterward used for private school purposes, and is still known as the 'Academy'." Snell's History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, N. J., Page 548.

Certificate of Incorporation of "The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Paul's Church in Clinton, N. J.," recorded in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office in Book 2 of Special Deeds, at page 284, on September 3, 1838, dated September 1, 1838, and signed by William C. Crane, Rector, and James R. Dunham, Secretary of the Vestry. Annual meeting on Tuesday of Easter Week.

The new parish immediately purchased a site for a Church.

**WARRANTY DEED**

CHARLES DUNHAM and ELIZABETH,  
his wife, and  
JAMES R. DUNHAM and SARAH ANN,  
his wife,

**TO**

JOHN MANNERS and BENJAMIN EGBERT,  
Wardens, and WILLIAM F. CLEMSON,  
DAVID S. FOWLER, LEWIS H. TAYLOR,  
JAMES R. DUNHAM and CHARLES  
DUNHAM, Vestrymen of St. Paul's Church.

Hunterdon County Clerk's Office  
Book 70 of Deeds, Page 210  
Date: October 1, 1838  
Ack'd: October 8, 1838  
Before: Morris S. Stiger  
Title: Commissioner of Deeds  
Rec'd: October 12, 1838  
Cons.: \$1.00

Conveys all those two lots in the Village of Clinton,  
Hunterdon County, New Jersey, described as follows:

"Beginning at the stake the North West corner of  
John Fox's line thence running North nineteen and a quar-  
ter degrees West one chain ninety-two links to a stake in  
Caleb O. Halsted's line thence North seventy-eight and  
three quarters degrees East one chain fifty-four and a half  
links to a stake in said line corner to other lots belonging  
to said Charles and James R. Dunham thence along their  
line South fourteen degrees and a half East one chain and  
seventy links more or less to a stake thence South seventy  
degrees West one chain thirty-nine and one third links to  
the place of Beginning."

While St. Paul's Church in Clinton was in existence,  
it apparently was a going concern, because it acquired its  
property free and clear, and there were burials in the  
church yard, as indicated in the will of Dr. John Manners.

The inventory of the Estate of John Manners, de-  
ceased, (Hunterdon County Surrogate's Office, Book 11,  
Page 42) lists "Robert Foster's Mortgage, \$507.50."

The account of the Executors of John Manners, filed  
in the Hunterdon County Surrogate's Office under Docket  
No. 04197, was allowed by the Court at the April term of  
Court, 1856. The Accountants charge themselves with the  
receipt on July 2, 1853, of \$507.00 "Bond of Robert Fos-  
ter," they pray allowance for payment in May, 1853, of

\$1,000 to "John Sharp and Lewis Taylor, Committee of St. Paul's Church."

They also pray allowance for cash paid "Bishop Done" (sic) \$5.00 on July 2, 1853.

The Mortgage on the church lot given by Robert Foster was dated April 28, 1849, and was taken by John Manners in his individual name for \$500.00 and registered in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office on August 13, 1852, in Book 24 of Mortgages, at page 317; it was cancelled of record on April 4, 1854.

Very few evidences of old St. Paul's, Clinton, now remain. The building itself was used for a little less than forty years as a school and was then converted into a dwelling. It is now occupied by the families of George Van Natta and Carl Kaps, and is the building now designated as 11-13 East Main Street, Clinton, N. J.

The bell of the Church was left in place as long as the building was used as a school and was thereafter removed by John T. Leigh, when he purchased the building, and used as a farm bell on his fine estate on Leigh Street, Clinton. After his death, the bell was sold and it hung for many years in the gable end of the barn on the Hoffman farm on the road from Clinton to Sidney, the farm being owned, at the date of this sketch, by Paul Baumann. When the writer learned of the history of the bell a few years ago, he immediately went to Mr. Baumann to attempt to purchase it, but it had been sold for scrap metal some time before, and has apparently disappeared.

There are in existence nine benches reputed to have come from St. Paul's Church where they were used as pews. One in the possession of the writer, has the name "J. H. Low, Clinton, N. J.", painted on the underside of the seat. When examined, the other eight benches disclosed the same marking. In an attempt to verify the fact that the benches did come from St. Paul's, it was discover-

ed that John H. Low was a cabinetmaker and undertaker in Clinton. He was a member of the first Sunday School established in the vicinity of Clinton, which was under Episcopal auspices, and it seems likely that he was a communicant of St. Paul's, and that the benches are the authentic pews.

"I am informed by Captain John H. Low that previously to his attending the Sunday School in Gen. Hope's shop in 1826 or 1827, where Col. Dunham was his teacher, he for four years attended a Sabbath School taught by Mrs. Allen, wife of Andrew Allen, at her home at Underwood, about two miles south of Clinton. The school consisted of the children of the neighborhood, about twenty-five, who were gathered on Sabbath afternoons at Underwood, and were taught by Mrs. Allen and members of the family. They were Episcopalians in their church connection, and attended St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, near Pittstown. This School was continued for about five years, until the removal of the family to Philadelphia. This Sabbath School at Underwood was organized about 1820, and antedates any organizations of the kind in this vicinity."

Footnote, Page 30, in a History of the Clinton Presbyterian Sunday School by Hon. Nathaniel W. Voorhees, printed as an Appendix to the 1880 History of The Clinton Presbyterian Church, Supra.

### III. MISSION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST.

After St. Paul's Church passed out of existence, the Church undertook little or no work in Clinton, until the early part of the Twentieth Century, when the late and beloved Rev. John Talbot Ward, for so many years afterward the rector of Old St. Mary's, Burlington, was sent to take charge of the work at Calvary, Flemington, and St. Thomas, Alexandria. Father Ward organized a mission at Clinton, which furnished and used the "Chapel of the

Nativity of Christ" in a former livery stable (which may account for its name).

This building is still in existence, although it was raised on a high foundation and moved southerly some distance when the present State Highway Route No. 28 was built in 1926-1927. It is now a four-family apartment house known as "The Arlington", and is located at No. 5 West Main Street, Clinton, New Jersey. Father Ward informed the writer that he served at this Chapel from about 1901 to 1903. It appears that the building was rented and never owned by the Mission, because it was owned by Samuel W. Leigh from 1894 until after his death, when it passed into the hands of the Fox family, who still own it.

Pictures of the exterior and interior of the Chapel given by John C. Dalrymple, of Clinton, to the writer, and now in his possession, show a neat and suitable altar, and a well-kept exterior.

#### IV. ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S MISSION, CLINTON

In the early 1930's, the Rev. E. Rupert Noel, B.D., with a group of interested lay people, founded St. Bartholomew's Mission, Clinton, which held services in the meeting room of The Odd Fellows Lodge on the third floor of their building at 34-36 Main Street, Clinton. I attended at least one service at this Mission at which the late Rt. Rev. Albion Williamson Knight confirmed a class. I am unable to give further details about this Mission, although Edward Hankin, of Clinton, now a member of the Executive Committee of Calvary Church, informs me that he is in possession of the complete records.

Note: It is suggested that since the congregation of St. Bartholomew's Mission no longer exists as such, these records should be turned over to the proper Diocesan officers before they

become lost—see New Jersey Revised Statutes, Sections 16:1-39, 16:12-16, and 16:12-17.

December 4, 1949

LESTER W. OLIVER



CLEANING OLD ST. THOMAS'S: One of the accomplishments of 1949 was the cleaning of the interior of historic St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria Township, by members of the Young People's Fellowship. Here are some of the cleaners: (back row) Mrs. Beck, wife of the Vicar; Samuel E. Bullock, warden; Laura Lou Bullock, Bonnie Van Stone, Eileen Go-down, the Rev. Henry C. Beck, Lester W. Oliver and Mrs. Oliver, and David Bullock. (Front row) Jane Kelting, Susan Beck, Alan Bullock, Rawley Kelting and Bill Kelting.

**ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH,  
ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP**

This church was built in 1760. Previous to this, another church, built of logs, stood on the opposite side of the road. In the churchyard are the graves of six British soldiers who died during the War for Independence. The New Jersey Legislature once passed a law, setting aside \$600 annually for the care of these graves, if the money was included in the budget. No money has been available for many years. Recently, members of the Young People's Fellowship of Calvary Church, Flemington, cleaned the interior and interested persons have offered paint and a heater for services which may be held there from time to time.

## SOME ATTAINMENTS OF 1949

The purchase and installation of a 16-inch screen television for the Parish House. The fund was put in motion at the suggestion of C. Lloyd Fisher, of the firm of Herr & Fisher, and many groups and individuals in the community contributed. The set was dedicated by Bishop Banyard in June.

The organization of a Young People's Fellowship which sponsored many dances and other affairs for the youth of Flemington. The Y. P. F. conducted a picnic at Old St. Thomas's, Alexandria Township, and scrubbed and swept the interior of the church in preparation for possible occasional services in 1950.

The formation of a Parish Fellowship which has formulated and directed many projects for the benefit of the mission and the Diocese. Among these have been the successful auction on the church lawn which will be repeated in 1950. Another major contribution has been Calvary's participation in the Crusade of Witness, the Every Member Canvass.

Cottage Meetings, established in Lent during 1949, were resumed with four meetings in Advent, as an Advent School of Religion, with meetings in Clinton, Lebanon, Ringoes, Stanton and other rural areas. The Advent Series, on Stewardship, will no doubt build up enthusiasm for a new Lenten series of devotional life.

Painting and redecorating of the Sanctuary by the men with the purchase and installation of a new dossal and baldechino through gifts of individuals, the Women's Guilds, and a "painting party" in which the men participated under the direction of Valentine d'Ogries, artist and liturgical expert from New Hope.

Re-establishment of a growing Church School, conducted during the 11 a. m. services with the help of many

loyal women of the church. This hour was decided upon in the autumn of 1949 because many children come from outlying districts and concurrent sessions enable parents to attend church services.

Renewed enthusiasm among the members of the Women's Guilds and greater participation in Diocesan affairs. The meeting of the Trenton District of the Women's Auxiliary was held in Calvary Church and was pronounced by the District President one of the best meetings in her experience.

Greater participation in community affairs, especially those in other churches. In Holy Week, 1949, the Vicar participated in services of the other churches which, in turn, combined to attend the "Three Hour Service" in Calvary Church on Good Friday. The Vicar spoke at the Community Thanksgiving Service held in the Methodist Church.

Presentation of a slide-projector to the Rev. Samuel Burgoyne for his work as a missionary in India. Father Burgoyne officiated at services of Calvary Church in December, 1949, following the resignation of the Rev. Frank H. Frisbie, and before the present Vicar assumed charge.

## SOME SUGGESTED MEMORIALS

We have been asked, from time to time, to suggest memorials which will contribute to the continued well-being of Calvary Church, and, at the same time, make this outpost of the Diocese of New Jersey a real cornerstone of the work of God's Kingdom. In responding, members of the Executive Committee have compiled a partial though practical list, as follows:

Painting the Nave of the Church.

Pointing the exterior of the Church.

A New Lighting System.

Replacing the windows with more modern frames and leaded glass.

Rearranging the Sanctuary so that Services of the Holy Eucharist may be conducted with greater dignity.

Adding to the Parish House for Church School purposes.

These are suggestions and there may be as many more for those who inquire. However, it should be remembered that the obtaining of a Rectory, either in the community or in an area close by, should be at the head of any list **as the first and major objective**. A Rectory would be, in the estimation of the committee, a lasting memorial to an individual or a group of individuals who wish to see the Church prosper in Hunterdon County.

**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**

To All Whom These Presents May Concern:

We whose names and seals are hereunto affixed do certify that the Congregation of Calvary Church in the Village of Flemington, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, which is a society worshipping according to the customs and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church, desiring to form themselves into a body corporate according to the act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey in such case made and provided, met at the house of John Bush in the said Village of Flemington on the Twelfth day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Forty-one, pursuant to ten days previous notice, given as the intention of said Congregation to form themselves into a body corporate by an advertisement set up in open view on the outer door of the said house, it being the place where the congregation usually assembles for divine service, which notice designated the day when and the place where they designed to meet for that purpose, the minister of said church presided, and the secretary of the Vestry recorded the proceedings. The Congregation then proceeded by a vote of a majority of those present to designate the corporate name or title by which the said Church shall be known and which is "The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of Calvary Church in Flemington." The Congregation then chose Peter Howard and John Bush, Wardens, and David S. Fowler, Adam C. Davis, Samuel Hill, James W. Hancock and Joseph Elton, Vestrymen—and also by a majority of voices, fixed and determined on the Tuesday in the week called Easter Week annually, as the day on which new elections of officers of the said Church shall take place.

In testimony whereof and in order that these proceedings may be recorded, we, the Minister and the Secre-

tary aforesaid, have hereunto set our hands and seals this Twelfth day of July in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Forty-one.

JOHN ADAMS (Seal)  
Minister

DAVID S. FOWLER (Seal)  
Secretary of the Vestry.

Recorded on (date not stated) in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office in Book 2 of Special Deeds, at page 343.

**OFFICERS OF CALVARY CHURCH, 1949**

(The Annual Meeting will be held January 9, 1950)

**THE REV. HENRY C. BECK,  
Vicar****THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Samuel E. Bullock, Flemington, Warden  
Thomas F. Francis, Stanton, Secretary  
Cyril W. Taylor, Flemington, Treasurer  
Leo J. Cross, Lebanon  
William J. Kelting, Mountainville  
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Edward Hankin, Clinton  
Norman Weiler, Flemington

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Mrs. Leo J. Cross, Vice President  
Miss Isabelle Francis, Secretary  
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Laura Lou Bullock, President; Edmund Abegg, Vice-President; Margaret Moreau, Secretary; Bonnie Van Stone, Treasurer; Judith Gingell, Program Chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Butterfoss, Sponsors.

**ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD:**

Mrs. Samuel E. Bullock, President; Mrs. Rufus B. Mathews, Vice-President; Mrs. August Seber, Secretary-Treasurer.

**THE ALTAR GUILD:**

Mrs. Rufus B. Mathews, President

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Dr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Bamber  
Mrs. Paul Barbiche  
The Rev. and Mrs. Henry C. Beck  
Mrs. Guy R. Bell  
Mr. George A. Berkaw  
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